



State Energy Advisory Board
February 21, 2019 Conference Call

Meeting Minutes—DRAFT

Meeting was called to order at 3:00, Adjourned at 3:48pm

Agenda:

Roll Call

Present: Sumesh Arora, Rick Bender, Kathy Blodgett, Kelley Burk, John Chatburn, Amanda Best for Michael Richard, Kristy Manning, Bob Nelson (STEAB Vice Chair), Laura Nelson, Nicole Peoples, Sally Talberg, Dub Taylor (STEAB Chair), Mary Beth Tung

Absent: Susan Brown, Jim Clarkson, Angie Dykema, Ken Robinette, Tristan Vance

Members of the Public in Attendance: Tom Ewing; Jason Reott representing the Alliance to Save Energy

Others: Michael Li, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy

Introductory Remarks by the Chair

- Dub Taylor said that he was impressed by the ideas listed in the recommendations. The purpose of today's meeting was to review and recommend forty four different ideas over seven different areas. He suggested that the group consider each set of recommendations by subcommittee and vote on them as a block.
- John Chatburn expressed a strong concern that the recommendations be phrased such that OWIP not be able to "skim off the top" any funds designated for any specific recommendation.

- After a group discussion, it was agreed that Taylor would draft some language that could be used as part of a cover page to accompany each recommendation that reflected Chatburn's concern. The group would review this proposed, new language at the end of the call.

Consideration by the Board of recommendations to make to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- At the outset, new STEAB members Rick Bender, Laura Nelson, and Mary Beth Tung said that they preferred to abstain on voting on any of the recommendations because they had not participated in the subcommittee process. They had no objections to the substance of the recommendations themselves, but preferred to abstain due to the fact that they recently joined STEAB.

Grid Integration Subcommittee Recommendations:

- The first 2 sentences of Recommendation 12 (as circulated) were deleted.
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-12 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Jobs, Workforce and Economic Subcommittee Recommendations:

- Recommendation 7 was held back for the time being
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-6 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Agricultural/Rural Issues Subcommittee:

- Bender commented that there is a lack of clarity in Recommendation 1. Li explained that the Board had decided the priority was on submitting recommendations for consideration rather than taking additional time to continue wordsmithing the language.
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-4 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Vehicle Technologies/Electric Vehicles Subcommittee:

- No comments
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-5 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Resiliency Subcommittee:

- No comments
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-5 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Weatherization Subcommittee:

- No comments
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-4 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Building Technology and Energy Efficiency Subcommittee:

- No comments
- Vote was unanimous for the recommendations 1-7 (abstain: Bender, L. Nelson, Tung)

Draft Language by Dub Taylor to be included on a cover letter with each recommendation was approved by all participating STEAB members, including Bender, L. Nelson, and Tung:

“STEAB supports maximizing the distribution of appropriated State Energy Program funding via formula allocation to states and territories. These recommendations are not support for, or a directive to, divert State Energy Program formula funds for other initiatives or activities.”

Taylor will draft a cover letter to accompany the recommendations and will circulate it to the group for review.

Discussion of In-person Meeting Dates

- The next in-person meeting will be held April 25-26 in Washington, DC. Laura Nelson, Nicole Peoples, and Ken Robinette each said they had a conflict or could not commit at this point to attending the April meeting.
- Rick Bender asked about the process of making trip reservations. Michael Li explained that EERE would make and pay for the plane reservation but that STEAB members needed to make and pay for all other reservations and would get reimbursed for such expenses. He encouraged flights to be made as early as possible to keep fares to a minimum and reminded the group that these reservations were fully refundable, so last minutes changes can be made if their schedules require it.

Public Comments

- No member of the public indicated they wanted to comment.

Closing Remarks

- Dub Taylor observed that the recommendation process is a little awkward, but the objective is to get some subcommittee recommendations to DOE sooner rather than later. He thanked everyone for their patience.

- Michael Li thanked all the subcommittee chairs for their efforts. He expects to have official DOE responses to these recommendations in time for the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.